

REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted the claims filed in this case into six groups. Applicants elect prosecution of the claims of Group II (claims 33-39) drawn to a process for regeneration of plants. Applicants make the election with traverse.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement because the claims are sufficiently related, for example, by the general structure of the auxinic compounds comprised in the claimed compositions and/or used in the claimed compositions that a search of all of the pending claims should not represent an undue burden for the Office. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement.

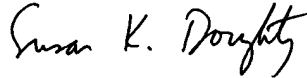
The claims have been amended to focus on claims directed to the elected invention. Claims 2, 24, 25, 31 and 32, directed to a non-elected invention, have been cancelled without prejudice to the subject matter therein to minimize excess claims fees. Claims 3, 6, 9-16, 20 and 26 have been amended to depend from claim 33. All of claims 3-23, 26-30, and 34-39 now depend from claim 33, read on claims of Group II and are within the elected group.

New claims 61 and 62 are added and depend from claim 33 and as such are within the elected group of claims. New claims 61 and 62 are supported by original claim 60.

All of the amendments are supported by the original claims and by the specification as a whole.

This submission is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time of Five (5) Months with required fee. It is believed that this submission does not require the payment of a fee for excess claims. If this is not correct, please charge any required fee to deposit account no. 07-1969.

Respectfully submitted,



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